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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DENKTASH CABINET SHIFTS

1. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS OVER WEEKEND PREDICTED THAT DENKTASH WILL JUGGLE CABINET TO SSIPT VEDAT CHELIK TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, ORHAN ZIHNI TO JUSTICE AND INTERIOR, AND NEJAT KONUK TO EDUCATION. TRIO PREVIOUSLY HELD RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, EDUCATION, AND JUSTICE AND INTERIOR RESPECTIVELY. ADDITIONALLY, PAPERS CLAIM THAT CEMAL ASHKIN, PRESENTLY SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, WILL BECOME MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

2. DURING CONVERSATION ON OTHER MATTERS (SEPTTEL), ATA AGRICULTURAL MINISTER RAMADAN CONFIRMED THAT FIRST THREE CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE. RAMADAN HAD NO INFORMATION ON ASHKIN.

3. CHELIK TOLD EMBOFF BEFORE DEPARTING FOR UNGA, WHERE HE REPRESENTED TURKISH COMMUNITY, THAT HE EXPECTED ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON RETURN. A FORMER  
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MEMBER OF CYPRIOT DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, CHELIK IS WELL

QUALIFIED FOR POSITION. ZIHNI IS FORMER JUDGE (FAMAGUSTA) WHOSE APOLITICAL HANDLING OF EDUCATION OFFICE HAS DEFUSED COMMUNITY'S MOST CONTENTIOUS ISSUE. HE HAS MADE NO SECRET HIS DESIRE FOR JUSTICE PORTFOLIO. KONUK'S ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDUCATION COULD REVERSE ZIHNI'S SUCCESSES IN THIS FIELD. AMONG THE MOST SYCOPHANTIC OF DENKTASH'S ENTOURAGE, HE HAS NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE IS, HOWEVER, EXTREMELY CLOSE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT AND RECENTLY HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY USED AS ATA'S PUBLIC SPOKESMAN.

4. COMMENT: CREATION OF NEW MINISTRIES AND REORGANIZATION OF CABINET CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL POLICY OF SETTING UP FULL SHADOW GOVERNMENT BEFORE STARTING SERIOUS POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS. ASSUMING FEDERATED OUTCOME, TURK CYPRIOTS OBVIOUSLY CONTEMPLATE CREATION OF WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INTO WHICH THEIR WING WILL FOLD, TANGENTIALLY, WITH REAL POWER VESTED IN COMMUNAL AUTHORITIES.  
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